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## OUR POLICY:

To support such measures as are unquestionably for the good of Mason County as an entire community, rather than such propositions as are in favor of the individual interest, or of one section as against another. And likewise to earnestly and consistently oppose all things that are not for the good of the county as a whole.

## NO RETURN OF VODKA

Russia has been "dry" since the rescript of the Czar banned the manufacture and sale of the national drink, which was also a government monopoly and produced enormous revenue. No one understood better than Nicholas Romanoff that in the Russia-Japanese war Russia drunk lost in her struggle with Japan sober. There could have been but one issue to that conflict but for the ravages of Vodka.

Recently the newspapers have carried prominently the story that the Soviet government, out of respect for the revenue, have decreed the return of strong drink, and many editors have commented at length upon dispatches which they did not wait to confirm. Like so much of the "news" from Russia and the border states, it seems now that this item is without foundation in fact. There is to be no return of vodka. To those who have watched the Soviet authorities closely it seemed unlikely that the report which has been sent broadcast could be true. There comes from London the following statement, tucked neatly away on the very inside of one of the New York papers that most gleefully announced the rehabilitation of the vodka industry:

"The Russian trade delegation stated today it had been authorized to say that the recent report from Moscow that the Soviet government was preparing to authorize the sale of vodka was a 'pure invention'."

There are many who will devoutly hope that this may be true, and that Russia will not add to her many other woes, wounds, and sorrows those of drink. What the Revolution would have been had Russia been saturated with vodka as she was before the war even the most vivid imagination must fail to visualize. Dante himself could hardly have painted a picture of the inferno which would have followed.

It is interesting, in this connection, for Americans to reflect upon the situation which might have developed in the United States during the post-war and reconstruction period with its business depression, unemployment, and industrial strife and social confusion if the saloon had flourished in every state and drink had flowed freely as in the old days.

## THE TRIUMPH OF CHAMPOLLION

The French have been celebrating the achievement of Jean Champollion, the celebrated Egyptologist, who one hundred years ago succeeded in deciphering the inscription on the Rosetta Stone, which was discovered in 1799 by Bousard, a French officer, in the trenches near Rosetta, and which is now in the British Museum.

Champollion began to study the stone when eleven years of age, and at nineteen solved the problem which much older and more experienced investigators had failed to do. The Rosetta Stone inscription, when read, gave the key to the hieroglyphic writings of Egypt which had baffled the scholars completely. It contains a decree of the Egyptian priesthood, dated March 27, 195 B. C., providing that Ptolemy V shall have his statue placed in the sanctuary of every temple, and that divine honors shall be paid to him because of the benefits which he has conferred upon his country and upon religion.

The inscription is bilingual, appearing in hieroglyphics, in demotic writing, and in Greek, and Champollion on the theory that the three inscriptions were one and the same identified in the two unknown languages the letters corresponding to the Greek, with which he was familiar.

In other words the Greek translation of this decree gave scholars the clew to the innumerable records of an ancient Egyptian civilization, and enabled them to reconstruct the past with wonderful results, so that we are acquainted with the history of the Nile valley throughout a period of thousands of years before the beginning of the Christian era.

The patience and persistence and acumen of Champollion well deserve world-wide recognition, and his example should be inspiring to every boy who wants to make a success of his life.

## THE RIGHT TO WORK.

President Harding:—"A free American has the right to labor without any other's leave. It would be no less an abridgement to deny men to bargain collectively. Governments cannot tolerate any class or grouped domination through force. It will be a sorry day when group domination is reflected in our laws. Government, and the laws which government is charged with enforcing, must be for all the people, ever aiming at the common good. The foremost thought in the Constitution is the right of freedom and the pursuit of happiness. Men must be free to live and achieve. Liberty is gone in America when any man is denied by anybody the right to work and live by that work. It does not matter who denies."

## PURGE THE PARTY

Senator Jones, Democrat from New Mexico, who has been playing politics with the tariff since last April, is now proposing a substitute for the pending tariff bill which he declares will take the tariff out of politics. To the constituents of Senator Jones it may be said, that the tariff will be taken out of politics just as soon as free traders of the Jones stripe are taken out of Congress. When we are all agreed that protection is a necessary national policy there will be no possibility of an issue. If New Mexico and the Old South will vote as they are now professing in favor of protection to American industrial and agriculture there will not be enough free traders in Congress to make an issue.

## CORN AND CAIN

It is reported that the Department of Justice has arrested a Russian who is believed to be an emissary of the soviet government sent here to organize communists in the coal fields. If such proves to be the case he will get a speedy passage back to his native land at the expense of Uncle Sam. Funny! We send seed to Russia to raise corn, and Russia sends seed to this country to raise Cain.

## COUNTRY HEALTHIER THAN CITY AND OUR WOMEN OUTLIVE MEN

Kansas Folks Live Longest — Uncle estimated Figures From Last Census.

Special to Public Ledger By ROBERT FULLER  
Autocaster—Washington Bureau.

Women live longer than men in the United States. Life in the country is healthier than life in the city. That statement explodes a lot of pet theories of our city brethren who have spread propaganda for many moons on the perfectness of their sanitary existence.

The bureau of Census at Washington has just compiled some interesting figures from the recent census. They should add to the contentment of all rural dwellers.

The average life of women in the country is 57 years. Of men 55 years.

The average life of city women is 54 years. Of men 51 years.

The average life in both city and country for women has increased nearly three years and for men nearly four years in the last ten years.

The healthiest spot in the union seems to be Kansas. Women average 60 years there and men average 59 years.

The Next healthiest spot is Wisconsin where women average 60 years and men 58 years.

Washington is the healthiest city where women average 59 years and men 53.

Pittsburgh is at the bottom of the list where women average only 50 years and men 47.

These averages run into fractional years as announced by the bureau but have been taken at the even year in this article. The figures quoted here apply only to whites. Negroes are shorter lived. The national average for them is 42 years for women and 40 years for men.

The accompanying box shows the average length of life in representative states or various districts.

Here are average years of life in the states:

State	Women Yrs	Men Yrs
Maine	60	58
Oregon	60	57
Washington	60	58
Kentucky	57	57
Indiana	57	56
Missouri	58	57
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## FARMERS FIND CULLING REMOVES SLACKER HENS.

Lexington, Ky. — During the last few weeks many Kentucky farmers and poultrymen have discovered that their flocks contain a considerable number of loafer hens that can be culled out and sent to market without seriously reducing the total number of eggs received, according to early reports which are being received at the College of Agriculture from farmers who cooperated with the extension division in having their flocks culled as demonstrations for interested persons in their communities. In one case the egg production of the flock was increased despite the fact that one-third of the birds in it were removed as culled in the demonstration. This was partially due to the fact that the remaining hens were allowed to utilize the feed which originally had been given to the non-laying hens.

W. L. Loyd-Smith, a Union county farmer living near Boxville, reported that his flock of Single Comb White Leghorns produced as many eggs during the first week after seven culled had been removed as it did the previous week. During the week before the culling, the 45 Leghorns produced a total of 202 eggs while the 38 hens that were kept produced the same number during the following week. On the other hand, the seven culled which were removed produced only one egg during the week after they were culled out and confined by themselves.

A flock of hens owned by J. W. Alexander, an Owen county farmer living near Wheatley, produced 22 more during the week after culling than it did during the seven days before culling despite the fact that one-

third of the hens in the flock were thrown out because they showed characteristic signs of being non-producers. The 90 hens in this flock produced a total of 161 eggs during the week before being culled while the 60 that were kept as layers produced a total of 183 eggs during the week after culling. The 30 culled in this case produced only one egg during the week after they were removed. Similar results were obtained by Mrs. E. E. Brainer, living near Philpot, Davies county. Nine culled removed from her flock of 24 hens produced only one egg during the week after culling.

## GIRL'S HAND GROUND OFF IN WRECK OF AUTOMOBILE.

Perryville. — A blow-out at a curve wrecked a car occupied by three Negro women and a twelve-year-old driver who were en route to a colored picnic from Bardstown. Mary Cotton had her right hand ground off and was rushed to a Danville hospital, where her arm was amputated. The others were injured less seriously.

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